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Letter dated 28 August 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With regard to the letter from the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)", dated 14 August 1995 (A/50/352-S/1995/693), addressed to you, and its corrigenda (A/50/352/Corr.1 and 2-S/1995/693/Corr.1 and 2), the Republic of Croatia wishes to express its utmost indignation and concern at the fact that the Belgrade authorities - after several attempts to make their position clear - now claim clearly and specifically parts of the sovereign territory of Croatia as territory of the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)".

In the letters, the "Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia" claims that the "United Nations Protected Area Sector East" (Croatia), and the "area of Trebinje" (Bosnia and Herzegovina) are "territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia". The position of Belgrade authorities vis-à-vis the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia is clear: "The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia considers those attacks [on the United Nations Protected Area Sector East] an aggression on its territory".

* A/50/150.

The Government of the Republic of Croatia considers this claim to the Vukovar region of Croatia (former Sector East), by the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" to be a hostile act against its sovereignty and territorial integrity. My Government considers the above-mentioned Foreign Minister's letter to be a clear and official statement by the Belgrade regime that it lays claim to the Vukovar region of Croatia as a part of its territory, unless that party states and begins to act to the contrary - officially, unequivocally and in a timely manner.

I would kindly request your assistance in circulating the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under items 8, 81 and 92 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Permanent Representative